

GCSE

Religious Studies (World Religions)

Judaism 1

Specimen Paper

B579

Time: 1 hour

Candidates answer on the question paper.

Additional materials: none

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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Write your name in capital letters, your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the boxes above.
- Use black ink only.
- Read each question carefully and make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Answer any **TWO** questions; you must answer all parts (a-c) of the two questions that you choose.
- Do not write in the bar codes.
- Do not write outside the box bordering each page.
- Write your answer to each question in the space provided.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- The number of marks for each question is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.
- The total number of marks for this paper is **48**.
- Quality of written communication is assessed throughout the paper
- Should you need more space to write your answers there is an extra page at the end of the paper.
- If you need to use this extra page you must number your answers clearly.

This document consists of **8** printed pages.

Answer **TWO** questions (a, b and c parts should be answered for **each** question).

- 1 (a)** Describe what Jews believe about the Messiah.

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- (b)** Explain how believing in the idea of covenant affects the life of a Jew.

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- (c)** 'Everyone should look forward to the coming of the Messiah.'

Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Judaism in your answer

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2 (a) Describe how Jews celebrate Rosh Hashanah.

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(b) Explain the importance of Yom Kippur for the Jewish community.

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- (c)** 'Yom Kippur is the most important day in the Jewish calendar.'

Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Judaism in your answer

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3 (a) Describe what happened to the Jews during the Twentieth-Century Holocaust/Shoah.

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(b) Explain how Jews have responded to the Twentieth-Century Holocaust.

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Extra Answer Space

Clearly label which question you are answering.

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Question Number	Answer	Max Mark
1(a)	<p>Describe what Jews believe about the Messiah.</p> <p>Candidates may describe:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the idea of a figure that will come to bring peace; the gathering of the Jews in the Promised Land; he will be a human being, not divine; whether the time for the Messianic Age is set; the belief in rebuilding the Temple; the progressive belief in a Messianic Age, less tied to an individual. 	[6]
1(b)	<p>Explain how believing in the idea of covenant affects the life of a Jew.</p> <p>Candidates may include explanation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the Jews see their relationship with G-d as a covenant; the idea of a covenant may be defined; the covenants recorded in the Bible, especially those with Abraham and Moses; how a belief in the covenant is reflected in a Jew's daily life; the obligations placed on both parties by the agreements, possibly giving examples of circumcision, Shabbat and so on. 	[6]
1(c)	<p>'Everyone should look forward to the coming of the Messiah.'</p> <p>Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Judaism in your answer</p> <p>Answers may refer to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a time of peace is an attractive prospect for all; A person's attitude depends on their existing religious beliefs; Some may believe that the Messiah has already come; Progressive Jews have a different conception of the Messianic Age; The Messiah would have come to save the Jews before now; Supernatural aspects of Messianic belief are outdated. 	[12]
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2(a)	<p>Describe how Jews celebrate Rosh Hashanah.</p> <p>Candidates might describe:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the build up throughout the month of Ellul; buying of fruit; lighting candles; synagogue service; the greeting; eating apple and honey; the fish head; 	[6]

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<p>2(a) Cont'd</p> <p>2(b)</p> <p>2(c)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the blowing of the shofar and tashlich; some of the events that are remembered at Rosh Hashanah, such as the creation of human beings by G-d. <p>Explain the importance of Yom Kippur for the Jewish community. Candidates might explain the importance of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> forgiveness and repentance in bringing the community together, and in their relationship with G-d; how this is reflected in the Days of Returning, the mikveh visit, the wearing of white (as with the kittel), and the fast; the Kol Nidre, Neilah and other aspects of the synagogue service. <p>‘Yom Kippur is the most important day in the Jewish calendar.’ Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Judaism in your answer Candidates may refer to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> specific reasons to support the case of ‘The Day’ in terms of healing rifts in the community, and how it demonstrates respect for G-d; the size of the congregations the nature of the ritual; any preference is relative; make a case for any other holy day. 	<p>[6]</p> <p>[12]</p>
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<p>3(a)</p> <p>3(b)</p>	<p>Describe what happened to the Jews during the Twentieth-Century Holocaust/Shoah. Candidates may describe:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> how the Jews suffered increasingly severe oppression under the Nazis; legal restrictions; ghettos; the concentration camps; the gas chambers. <p>Explain how Jews have responded to the Twentieth-Century Holocaust. Candidates may explain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> how the events of the Holocaust may have changed the religious attitudes of some Jews, given their beliefs about G-d; the foundation of the Jewish State; Yad Vashem; the different memorial days. 	<p>[6]</p> <p>[6]</p>

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3(c)	<p>‘The Twentieth-Century Holocaust proves that G-d does not exist.’ Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Judaism in your answer</p> <p>Candidates may refer to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the events can be explained by a belief in free will or dualism that maintains some kind of belief in G-d; no belief in an omnipotent and personal god can now be maintained in the light of the Holocaust. 	[12]
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Assessment Objectives Grid (includes QWC)

Question	AO1	AO2	Total
1(a)	6		6
1(b)	6		6
1(c)		12	12
2(a)	6		6
2(b)	6		6
2(c)		12	12
3(a)	6		6
3(b)	6		6
3(c)		12	12
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